

# THE PATH OF GLORY

## ASL Scenario PBDYO TAC 2



### NEAR DIEDERSDORF, GERMANY, 18 APRIL 1945:

Secretly encouraged by Stalin himself, Marshals Zhukov and Koniev fought a hard competition, the objective to be the first to reach Berlin, whatever the human losses would be. On 16<sup>th</sup> of April, at 0300, the Joukov artillery (of the 1<sup>st</sup> Belorussia Front) opened the final assault. 768,000 soldiers, 3,000 Tanks and self-propelled guns and 14,000 guns were facing the 220,000 soldiers and 512 tanks of General Busse 9<sup>th</sup> Army. But this last could use a terrain favorable to the defense; the Oder valley had been flooded and the resistance line could lean on the Seelow Heights. This 50-meter high escarpment overlooked the Russian approaches and bristled with heavy AA Guns used as Anti-Tank weapons. Mobile reserves, like the “Muencheberg” Division were ready to step into the battle. The Russian offensive recon on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of April confirmed the German suspicions on the attack direction. They evacuated their forward positions and the Russian artillery preparation fell on empty space. The defenders from the Seelow Heights decimated the attackers, whose vehicles clogged in traffic jams on the few non-flooded roads. The Soviet troops finally broke through, pushed by Zhukov, anxious to win the race for Berlin and who sent into the fight all the available reinforcements. The Germans tried to close the breaches; the “Muencheberg” Division deployed near Seelow in order to counterattack on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Victory Conditions:

The Russian player secretly choose before play one of the 3 following Victory Conditions:

- 1: Control all the buildings on/between hexrow I and W on board 17.
- 2: Exit 40 Good Order VP along the western edge (prisoners don't give any VP).
- 3: Score more CVP than the Germans, with a minimum of 20 CVP.

The Russian wins if the chosen condition is met at game end.

### Board Setup

### Balance

★ Increase the Russian SPP by 5% (FRH)

⊕ Increase the German SPP by 5% (FRH)



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⊕ Germans set up first	★	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	END
★ Russians move first											



**Elements of the “Muencheberg” Division [ELR: 2-3]**  
set up anywhere on boards 17 and 33 {SAN: 2-6}

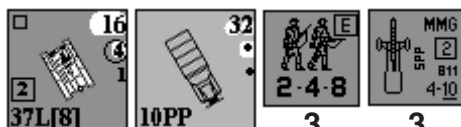


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**BB:** 70 SPP  
**Reinforcements:** ≤ 50%  
**Lists:** Panzer  
**PBDYO:** East Front 1945 German lists



**Elements of the 1<sup>st</sup> Guard Armored Army [ELR: 4]**  
enter along the eastern edge on/after Turn 1 {SAN: 2-3}



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**BB:** 120 SPP  
**Reinforcements:** ≤ 50%  
**Lists:** Tank  
**PBDYO:** East Front 1945 Russian lists

### SSR:

1. EC are Moderate without wind at scenario start. Weather is Clear.
2. Russian offboard observers set up at level 2 on the eastern edge. German offboard observers set up at level 2 on the western edge.
3. Russian reinforcements enter along the eastern edge. German reinforcements enter along the western edge.
4. AFV crews may not voluntarily abandon their vehicles.

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### AFTERMATH:

The 28th Armored Corp point elements met the fire of guns hidden in the woods near the Diedersdorf village. They underwent then a counterattack of the “Muencheberg” Division, supported by the Luftwaffe. But the Russians were stronger and the Germans had to withdraw. The attacker losses were so heavy that the 1<sup>st</sup> Guard Armored Army and the 8<sup>th</sup> Guard Army were obliged to merge. But Zhukov finally saw the Berlin road and the path of glory open in front of him.